

consider here, first of all for, since the majority of the Senators are not from Omaha the question is whether or not this is an Omaha problem or whether it is a problem that the whole state should be concerned with. While it affects those of us that live in Omaha, it is the kind of problem where a great number of issues that are raised here effect only certain localities. But, we have come here to serve the entire state and to serve the best interests of the entire state, so I think that the Senators from the rest of the state have an obligation to the people of Omaha the same way that we Senators from Omaha have an obligation to the people of the rest of the state. I think that the rest of you Senators should be concerned about this problem and should certainly address yourselves to the merits of the problem. The merits of the problem I think certainly are not racial but are practical matter of how we can best provide good education to the children, the school children in the city of Omaha. The fact of the matter is that as a practical necessity there is a great variety and diversity of life and different areas in the city of Omaha, that have different and unique problems. Those problems can not be understood by the governing board of the school district of the city of Omaha unless there are people on that board who come from those areas, who understand those problems and who are concerned with the localization and the different problems that exist there. Certainly south Omaha has different problems than west Omaha and down town Omaha has different problems than south Omaha and so on and so forth. Today on the school board I don't think that all of those problems are adequately addressed. The schools in my district are the oldest in the city. I think that there are four schools in that district that were constructed before 1900 and we have, the people in my area have no adequate voice on the present school district. People have run from my area and they find that it is extremely difficult and extremely expensive to win an election throughout the city of Omaha. So purely from the standpoint of addressing quality education in the city of Omaha which each of us in this body are concerned with delivering the best quality of education to every child in the state of Nebraska, you certainly have an obligation and there is certainly a need to change the kind of representation or the method of selecting representation on the Omaha school board. So I oppose the motion and support Senator Chambers bill.

SPEAKER: Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, members, I rise in opposition to the kill motion. Now this is an issue and it is going to be over the state and the states, all of the states. Especially the cities. We had the problem in New York city of having one school district. They were tearing the school system down brick by brick and Mayor Lindsay who I admire for doing this he divided the New York City school district into 31 districts and it is working. Some day instead of doing this band-aid process, like Senator Stahmer talks about, I think that the Omaha school district is too large. I think that we should have probably 4 or 5 districts operating and having their own school board, having 5 school boards in the city of Omaha that is in the Omaha school district as it is now. By that you have less apathy by the people about their schools. Now in New York City no one cared about the schools, now they have 31 school boards who are interested in schools. Before they one that was interested in schools. Now I know that this is in opposition to the folks that wanted to consolidate, consolidation is good to a certain degree. It is like I say the old saying that the salt to a person or a hog is good but lets not put him on a full ration of it or he will die. I haven't heard